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GUARANTEED TO TERMINATE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, please enter the following Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. Please consider the following remarks and amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.